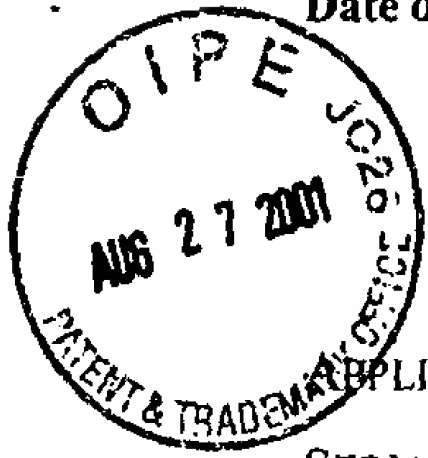


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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the documents listed on the attached modified Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate) in the above-identified application, copies of which were previously submitted in USSN 09/761,288, filed January 16, 2001, which the above-identified application relies upon for priority. The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified case. Accordingly, no fee or certification is believed required. Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 15966-638CIP; Cura-138CIP).

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